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Free BookMyne iPhone App Gives Immediate Access to Library Catalog San Diego Public Library users can manage their accounts from mobile devices

SAN DIEGO – Accessing the San Diego Public Library's resources is now easier than ever. BookMyne, a new app created by SirsiDynix, gives on-the-go library users a convenient way to stay connected to library information, holdings and services no matter their location. The app is available for iPhone, iTouch and iPad and it can be downloaded for free from the iTunes App Store. It also will be available soon for Android devices.

BookMyne enables users to search the San Diego Public Library's entire library catalog by author, title, subject or keyword and view the descriptions and availability of materials. Patrons can manage their library accounts through the app by entering their library card number and pin number. They can then place holds, view and renew checked-out materials and review their accounts. Alerts within the app remind users when books are due and when holds are available.

"This new app is a huge step forward for mobile technology and for libraries," said Library Director Deborah Barrow. "Library users can stay up-to-date with their accounts or find library materials no matter where they happen to be."

BookMyne also contains a number of other interactive capabilities. It features a social recommendation engine powered by Goodreads, which lets users search library holdings for friend-recommended reads. It has barcode scanning abilities, so users can scan the barcode of a book at a bookstore or friend's home and then see if the book is available at their library. It also has New York Times bestseller list cross-referencing, which allows users to immediately cross-check the bestseller list with library holdings.

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